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Group 3 AE Day and many other top articles!**

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Photo by 2nd Lt Rick Jones, Pitt-Greenville Composite Squadron

HELP IS ON THE WAY!

This issue of Carolina WingSpan contains 23 pages, and for the first time in several months your editor did not have to scrounge around looking for something to print. The articles kept flowing in like a tidal wave.

As your wing PAO, I am charged with several responsibilities, among which is the necessity for providing training for PAOs in the wing units. This can be accomplished in a couple of ways:

1. Seminars: Your PAO staff has tried different approaches to fulfill this requirement. We had 17 people attend the seminar at the Joint NCWG-MER Conference. About half of this number were from other wings.
2. We've tried PAO boot camps scheduled to coincide with wing staff meetings and commander's calls. This seems like a real challenge since only a handful of PAOs attend.
3. Posting on the Internet. We attempt to keep current information stashed away under Public Affairs on the NCWG website. PAO Tools covers a multitude of topics. Drop by some time.

Public affairs isn't just for PAOs. We invite anyone who has a story to tell to pass this along to us. All we ask is that you submit your offerings based on the publication guidelines—or at least something close to this.

We have a number of ideas in the works for you folks. But we welcome your thoughts and ideas too.

Don Penven, Capt., CAP

NCWG PAO

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NC Wing, CAP Completes Training Exercise

Aircraft and Ground Teams Return to Home Bases Safely

April 21, 2012

Statesville, NC—Shortly after 1:00 p.m. today rain showers began to form from Asheville along a line extending to the northeast to the Virginia border. Indications, based on National Weather Service observations, is that the likelihood for thunderstorms was developing. This led to the decision to close the mission and recall personnel. All active aircraft and ground teams were directed to return to their point of departure. Air operations were directed by Maj. John May, who said that four of the NC Wing's aircraft completed 14 sorties, which included tracking Emergency Location Beacons (ELTs) and providing coordinates to ground teams. Aerial photography assignments were also completed.

Directing ground team operations was Maj. Pete Bohler. "We had three ground teams that completed three sorties while working with our aircraft," Bohler said.

Incident Commander, Maj. Joe Weinflash stated, "The Air Force was on hand throughout the mission observing our emergency services activities, and they will be providing their final report shortly. Our senior and cadet members received invaluable experience—sharpening their skills for real-world missions." Capt. Don Penven, Mission PIO



Maj. Joe Weinflash, Mission IC



Lt. Col. Andy Wiggs briefs cadets for the mission



Cadets staff the mobile command center.



Maj. "Butch" Phillips, credited with providing much of the work on Asheville's converted FEMA trailer.

See additional photos at: [FACEBOOK](https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.391351994232053.102816.355392444494675&type=1)
<http://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.391351994232053.102816.355392444494675&type=1>

CyberPatriot News

Sent on behalf of Maj Gen Carr:

After a 2nd National All Service Division CyberPatriot Championship for CAP, and much pride for our entire organization, Gen Carr is sending CAP's leadership a "Call for CyberPatriot Support" letter. Please share this letter with all squadron commanders in hopes of each considering organizing a team for the 2013 CyberPatriot competition. It is hoped that CAP members will also reach out to area high schools to inform them of this educational program.

To read Gen Carr's letter, click on

http://www.capmembers.com/media/cms/CAP_CC_CyberPatriot_Call_for_CyberP_EE0E9F5E83093.pdf.

The letter is also placed at www.capmembers.com and CAP social media, as well as on CAP AE and Cadet Program links found in his letter.

NOTE from the AFA's CyberPatriot Web site: *The AFA's Coach and Mentor registration link is undergoing maintenance on the until Thursday, April 12th. Please contact info@uscyberpatriot.org with any questions on the registration process.*

Susan Mallett

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ELT Mission at Winston-Salem

Today, 6 April 12, AFRCC notified NC Wing of a 406 ELT in the Greensboro area. Alerts were sent to North and South Piedmont and the Winston alert system. LtCol Andy Wiggs called right away from Burlington with ability to man a ground team. However before they could man up to leave Capt Dave Morse of Winston Squadron was at his hangar at INT and pulled out his personal handheld radio and got a 121.5 signal there in Winston. A Winston aircrew had assembled and converted to UDF and they pursued the signal. It turned out to be in a Nigerian airline (ARIK) Boeing 737-800 that was in the Northstate Aviation hangar for maintenance. The Nigerian crew had apparently left the plane with the ELT in the on position. The maintenance crew silenced the ELT with a remote switch in the cockpit.

Thanks to the quick response of the Winston personnel: Capt Dave Morse, 2nd Lt Kevin Davis, Major Bruce MacPherson and Capt Matt Phillips.

Also thanks to all those who responded and were ready: Lt Col Andy Wiggs and seven others from Burlington Squadron, Capt Chuck Dawson and Lt Bissell also from Burlington as possible aircrew, Capt John May and two aircrews from Charlotte, possible aircrew from Raleigh, possible UDF from NC-800 Maj Twiddy in Charlotte. I appreciate everyone being so willing on a holiday.

This was a non-distress ground find.

Bill Hawke, Lt Col, CAP
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GROUP 4 AEROSPACE DAY

Friday & Saturday, 18-19 May 2012

(Weather Backup Date 20 May 2012)

Iredell Composite Squadron

Statesville Regional Airport

Statesville, NC

Rocket Written Testing & Building Friday Evening **O-Flights, Model Aircraft Flying & Rocket Launches Saturday**

Bring or build your rockets and take the tests Friday evening, and launch your rockets on Saturday. You can be signed off on the written and hands on for Redstone, Titan and Saturn stages of the rocket program. A testing officer and rocket building assistance will be available.

For those billeting breakfast will be available Saturday morning for five dollars (\$5.00); Lunch – pizza and soft drinks for five dollars (\$5.00).

The Uniform is BDU's. Permission Form, CAPF-60 and ID Card required.

Schedule:

Time

Activity

Friday, 18 May 12

1800	In Processing
1845	In Briefing and Safety Briefing
1900	Rocket Program Testing & Building
2230	Lights Out

Saturday, 19 May 12

0630	Reveille
0700	Breakfast
0800	In-Processing for New Arrivals
0830	In Briefing and Safety Briefing
0930	O-Flights and Rocket Launches
1130 - 1300	Lunch
1300	Conclusion of Launch Operations
1430	Debrief/Awards

Group 3 AE Day a Great Success

Fred Draper Capt, CAP

Halifax Composite Squadron along with the Pitt-Greenville Composite Squadron hosted the Group 3 A/E Day at the Halifax-Northampton Regional Airport April 20-21.

A special thanks to Lt. Col. Williams and Major Twiddy, Wing A/E officers, for attending, offering their expertise and assistance in making this a Great Success.

Thanks also goes out to Emeril Lagasse and Bobby Flay impersonators, Capt. James Newton, SMSgt. Stephen Madison, Lt.s Ricky Jones, Brad Durrett and Steve Taylor for manning the task of cooks for the event. Lt. Ralph Johnson was the 5 minute grits cook for breakfast..more like 1 hour grits.

Squadrons from Group 3 included NC-169, NC-079, NC-057, NC-805, NC-143 the JOCO Squadron also joined in for the event.

The attendees, with the exception of NC-805- consumed 8 lbs. of bacon, 2 gal. of orange juice, 48 cups of coffee, 10 dozens eggs, 2 lbs of grits, 4 lbs. of hash brown potatoes and 100 Otis Spunkmeyer muffins..

After this light breakfast, it was time to continue building rockets, and prepare the launch sites..

Eleven cadets received their 1st time "O" rides. "O" ride pilots were Maj. Fred Eldredge, Lt. Ricky Jones and Lt. Brad Durrett.

Cadets launched the rockets that were built on Friday evening and were afforded the pleasure of seeing a demonstration of RC aircraft supplied by local 95 Squadron RC group of Roanoke Rapids. Buddy boxes allowed the Cadets to fly-hands on- the RC aircraft.

Special thanks to C/Capt. Emily Watson-NC-057 for taking charge of the Cadets this weekend. Outstanding job to her and her staff, Lt. Everhart and Sgt. Murphy..

Capt. Will Hess and his staff assisted during the Rocket Launch portion as tracking personnel and other task.

Attending and participating in the Group 3 event were 33 Cadets and 15 Senior members.

Thanks to Lt. Ralph Johnson, NC-169 AEO for organizing the event.

Photos on next page ...

Group 3 AE Day Photos



Photos submitted by Lt. Col. Jim Williams



Camping on the Old Damp Ground



Pitt-Greenville Cadets



Group 3 Rocket Builders



More Group 3 Rocket Builders

Additional photos at: [Rick Jones Picasa Site](https://picasaweb.google.com/103556761524426423791/Group3AEDay02?authuser=0&authkey=Gv1sRgCM_5-fj71Ov1Yw&feat=directlink)

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NC Wing Communicators Achieve National Certification

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has developed a communications training curriculum for emergency responders. One of the highest level programs, the "All-Hazards Communications Unit Leader (COML)" course trains emergency responders to serve as radio communications unit leaders during all-hazards emergency operations.

COML responsibilities include developing plans to effectively use incident communications equipment and facilities, managing distribution of communications equipment to incident personnel, and coordinating the installation and testing of communications equipment. To achieve this level of certification, communicators must take classroom and field training, as well as have supervisory certification of actual deployment experience.

Recently, the North Carolina Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee, within the NC Department of Crime Control and Public Safety, added 13 new COML's to their rolls, bringing the total number of COML's in North Carolina to 30. Two of these are members on the NC Wing Staff including Capt. Chris Linker, Asst Director of Communications for Engineering, and Maj. Bob Annechiarico, Director of Safety. Captain Linker is also a COML Instructor, and the Director of Emergency Communications with City of Concord. Major Annechiarico is the Communications Unit Leader for the North Carolina Disaster Medical Assistance Team (NC-1 DMAT), a unit of the National Disaster Medical System, a program of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. There are approximately 300 certified COML's nationwide.

Maj. Bob Annechiarico

A New Pilot in the Winston-Salem Squadron

One would probably say to this statement, so what, there are always new pilots joining as senior members. This one is different as he is not a senior member but a cadet. Cadet C/SSgt Tyler Wimbish just barely 16 years old soloed to get his private pilot's license. His o-flights as he progressed in the cadet ranks fueled his desire to take flying lessons to become a pilot. He started off at the Piedmont Flight School but soon transferred to the Mt. Airy county airport to help reduce the cost. He is a student at Woodland Baptist a Christian School and wants to become commercial pilot. We are proud of Tyler and his accomplishment of chasing his dream and becoming the youngest pilot in squadron.

Captain Gene Clodfelter MER-NC-082 Public Affairs Officer



Cadet Wimbish

New Safety College

Commanders and Directors of Safety (Region/Wing):

GREAT NEWS! The CAP Safety Officer College has been approved for Region Staff College credit for successful completion of the course.

My team and I are requesting one member from your region or wing attend to help ensure nationwide knowledge of the course content.

The deadline to enroll is May 15th.

Please note the covered costs for the FY12 CAPSOC in the attachments. Wings are encouraged to help members cover the remaining costs required to attend this college.

Thank you to those who have already committed to attend: AZ, CT, DE, FL, KS, MD, MA, MT, NE, NM, PR, WA, WY, RMR, SER

Thanks for your support in helping to make this event successful. Please contact me and my team at safety@capnhq.gov if you have any questions.

Robert Diduch
National Safety Officer, CAP

Combat Controller Orientation Course in July

Fayetteville Composite Squadron will be hosting the Combat Controller Orientation Course (CCOC) again this summer from 29Jul-4Aug, 2012. CCOC is an annual week long activity for Civil Air Patrol members to learn about the US Air Force Combat Control career field. Cadet and senior member students gain hands on experience with various aspects of special operations training such as air traffic control, airborne operations and physical conditioning. Some of the activities taking place are marksmanship training, free fall parachuting training in vertical wind tunnels and air traffic control simulator training. To apply for this action packed go to the following website: <http://www.capcombatcontrol.com/>

The application deadline for this event is 15May12. Also check out the following FaceBook page to speak with prior participants, yes senior members as well. We have several seniors that have applied this year as well.

Looking forward to seeing all of you there as well.

William M. Ryan, Maj, CAP
XO – CCOC 2012

Four Squadrons Tour Washington DC and the Naval Academy

Cadets and senior members from the Iredell Composite Squadron, Winston Salem Composite Squadron, South Charlotte Cadet Squadron, and the 111th Search & Rescue Cadet Squadron recently toured Washington DC and The United States Naval Academy. The tour was hosted by the Iredell Composite Squadron and directed by Lt Kristin Osborne, Public Affairs Officer. A total of 50 members took advantage of the highly educational trip. The group traveled by chartered bus with the first overnight stop at the Navy Lodge in Annapolis, Maryland.

The following day, the group toured the campus of the Naval Academy and watched the noon formation. A group of cadets that expressed an interest in applying to the Naval Academy attended a very informative admissions briefing. The group then boarded the bus for the National Air and Space Museum, Udvar Hazy Center in Chantilly, Virginia. A few of the highlights of the museum included the SR-71 Blackbird, the fastest jet in the world, the Space Shuttle Enterprise, Gemini VII space capsule, B-29 Enola Gay, and the Redstone Rocket. The next day began with various tours in Washington DC, including the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum, National Archives, Capitol Building and a photo stop at the White House. After dark, the group visited the Washington Monument, Lincoln Memorial, WWII Memorial, Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Korean Memorial and the Jefferson Memorial.

"The monuments and memorials were spectacular to view at night," said Lieutenant Kimberly Ammons. The last day of our trip included a stop at Arlington National Cemetery. The cadets ceremoniously paid their respects to former North Carolina CAP cadet Daniel Lucas Elliott, who was killed in action last year in Iraq. The cadets gave a slow salute and placed a cadet NCO cap device on his tombstone. The trip concluded at the National Marine Corps Museum in Quantico, Virginia.

Photo 5792 At the Naval Academy

Photo 542996 NC cadets met cadets from Brooklyn, New York at the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum

Kristin Osborne 2d Lt, CAP MER-NC-162
Public Affairs



For Additional Photos Use the Link Below:

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Shelby Squadron Cadets Run in 5K Race

For many, running is less of a sport and more of a defense mechanism. This is not the case for Cadet Senior Airman Easter, Airman 1st Class Bradley, and Airman 1st Class Willis. For them, it's a way to spend an afternoon. These cadets have been training for more than 2 ½ months to run

The 7th Annual Flint Hill Baptist Church 5K on April 14th, and their hard work paid off! Cadet Easter placed 1st in his age group with a time of 23:15, Cadet Bradley finished 4th in her age group with a time of 30:54, and Cadet Willis placed 3rd in his age group with a time of 27:15.

Cadet Easter has been a cadet in the Shelby Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol for 5 months. He enjoys running, and has even participated in “mud runs” in the past. He would like to become a pilot, and recently took his first Orientation Flight through CAP. Cadet Bradley is an avid runner, participating on her school's track team as well. She has been a CAP cadet for nearly 4 months, and wants to pursue a career as an officer in the United States Air Force. Cadet Willis is very athletic, is a 3rd degree brown belt in Karate and aspires to become a Pararescueman.

This was his first 5K race, and is very proud to have placed 3rd in his age group. The cadets trained 2-3 days a week, running 6-8 miles each day of practice, using a start/stop conditioning process in which they had a sequence of running then walking.

“We are so proud to see cadets take the initiative and accomplish something like this” Said Deputy Commander for Cadets Lt. Col Chris Davidson. “It shows you what hard work and motivation can really do.”

The Cadets are planning on running more 5k races in the future, they already have plans to run another on May 5th.



From left to right, Cadet Senior Airman Easter, Cadet Airman 1st Class Willis, Cadet Airman First Class Bradley.

NC CAP Pilot Completes 200th Cadet Orientation Flight

Recently, Civil Air Patrol pilot Lt. Col. Wally Courtney took Cadet Elijah Holden on his fifth cadet orientation flight. That orientation flight was number two hundred for Courtney. Each CAP cadet gets to take five of these "O-flights" as part of their program and are allowed to get familiar with the plane, controls and instruments. Both Courtney and Holden are members of the Asheville Composite Squadron.

Courtney, a Canton resident, added this milestone to a growing list of accomplishments. In 2008, he was recognized as the Orientation Pilot of the Year among all units in the North Carolina Wing, and the runner-up for that award in 2009. His commitment to flying O-flights comes from his pleasure in seeing young cadets become excited about aviation and, in particular, flying. LtCol Courtney is a retired Navy captain and naval aviator, and hopes that some of the cadets he flies will seek careers as military pilots.

While on active duty in the Navy, his primary aircraft were the P2V-5F Neptune and the P3C Orion. He flew many hours over the Atlantic Ocean and Mediterranean Sea tracking Soviet submarines. Courtney joined CAP in December 2005. To find out more about CAP or the Asheville Composite Squadron of CAP go to their website at www.ashevillecap.org or call 828-209-8800.



Lt. Col. Wally Courtney with cadet Elijah Holden (on his left) and cadet Rob Reeves after Lt. Col. Courtney's 200th O flight.

Burlington Unit Hosts Cadet Great Start And NCO School

On the 16th, 17th, and 18th of March, the Burlington Composite Squadron hosted a Cadet Great Start and NCO School. Over 30 members of CAP from Group 2 showed up for the weekend, including the staff, speakers, and Senior Members.

The purpose of these schools was to spend some additional time outside of meetings, dedicated to the training of Airmen and Junior NCOs, and to take them through the Cadet Great Start Curriculum. The days were full of activity, and the cadets were woken up each day for morning PT, and Physical Fitness testing. Topics that were covered in classes and activities included Chain of Command, Leadership, Proper Wear of Uniforms, Drill and Ceremonies, Customs and Courtesies, Guidon Drill (which was led by C/2d Lt. Obediah Fire of Winston Salem) , Team building exercises, and Aerospace Education. Cadets also got a chance to have their first Orientation Rides.

“This weekend was a great experience, and it was also a good learning experience for those cadets who are going to encampment this summer. It helped prepare them for what kind of lifestyle they will be living at encampment.” Said C/Capt Cameron Horner, the Cadet Commander of the school.

About 20 cadets completed all of their requirements for promotion during the training weekend, and at the end of the weekend, promotions were held, ranging all the way from C/Airman, up to C/TSgt.

Article and Photo by C/CMSgt Ryan Glennon
Public Affairs Officer
Burlington Composite Squadron



Historically Speaking

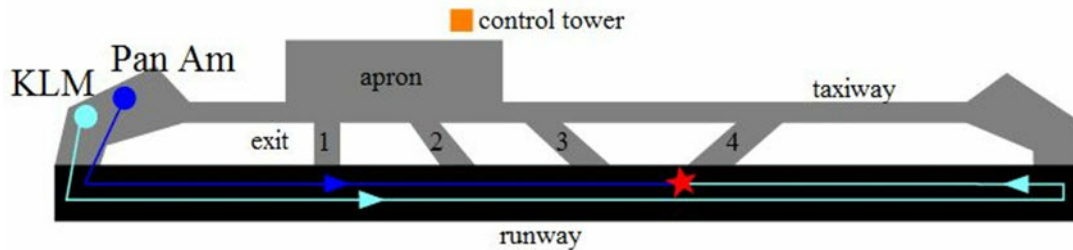
Disaster at Tenerife, Canary Islands

Map from Wikipedia, Medal from Graphics File

This month I am straying from North Carolina Wing History, to the Canary Islands off the Coast of Africa to tell the story of the worst airline disaster in history. It is also a story of the courage of one young woman who was in the midst of this horrible accident.

This disaster occurred on March 27, 1977. Two Boeing 747 aircraft collided on the runway of Los Rodeos Airport on the Spanish Island of Tenerife. 583 people died that day.

The aircraft involved were KLM Flight 4805 and Pan Am flight 1736. These two aircraft were diverted with many others to Los Rodeos because a bomb had exploded at Gran Canaria Airport their original destination. Due to the size of Tenerife's airport the Air Traffic Controllers were forced to park many of the airplanes on the taxiway, thereby blocking it. Further complicating the situation a dense fog developed greatly reducing visibility.



With fog rolling in and no ground radar the only way the controllers could know the location of aircraft was by radio communication. As a result of several misunderstandings in communications the KLM flight attempted to take off while the Pan Am aircraft was still on the runway. The resulting collision destroyed both aircraft and cost the lives of all 248 passengers onboard KLM and 335 passengers onboard Pan Am. Sixty-one people did miraculously survive on Pan Am, including the pilots, flight engineer and four flight attendants.

When Gran Canaria reopened the aircraft at Los Rodeos were given permission to begin preparations for takeoff. To begin the process KLM and Pan Am were both given permission to taxi out onto the runway. KLM, was cleared to taxi to the end of the runway and hold until the Pan AM aircraft turned off the runway at taxiway number 3. In the fog Pan Am missed taxiway 3 and mistook taxiway 4 as their turnoff point. The Captain onboard KLM misunderstood the tower communication telling Pan Am to clear the runway as clearance for him to takeoff.

KLM 4805 rolled down the runway and did not see Pan Am 1736 until it was too late to abort. The Captain did his best to clear the Pan AM 747 pulling back so hard on the stick that the tail struck the ground as they tried to climb. The landing gear of the KLM 747 took the Upper Deck Lounge off, and caused the right wing off Pan AM 1736 to burst into flame.

Cap Member and Flight Attendant (Purser), Dorothy Kelly saw and felt the collision as the top of her aircraft opened up into sunlight. She was working First Class when the collision occurred. She was able to jump from the wing, which was about 25 feet off the ground. Flight Attendant Kelly was able to land in the grass. Upon hitting the ground she broke her arm and fractured her skull. Even though she was injured she managed to rescue the Captain, and several other passengers from the vicinity of the fire.

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For her selfless devotion to duty and efforts to save, others she, was awarded the Civil Air Patrol's highest decoration the Silver Medal of Valor. Her, medal was presented to her by, Air Force Brigadier General Carl Miller.

Until next month SEMPER VIGILANS.

Phil Saleet, Lt. Col., CAP

Historian



WWII Tank Found after 62 Years.

WW II Russian tank with German markings uncovered after 62 years. WW II buffs will find this interesting. Even after 62 years (and a little tinkering), they were able to fire up the Diesel engine!

The pulling operation began at 09:00 and was concluded at 15:00, with several technical breaks. The weight of the tank, combined with the travel incline, made for a pulling operation that required significant muscle. The D375A-2 handled the operation with power and style. The weight of the Fully-armed tank was around 30 tons, so the active force required to retrieve it was similar. A main requirement for the 68-ton dozer was to have enough weight to prevent slippage while moving up the hill.

After the tank surfaced, it turned out to be a 'trophy tank' that had been captured by the German Army in the course of the battle at Sinimaed (Blue Hills) about six weeks before it was sunk in the lake. Altogether, 116 shells were found on board. Remarkably, the tank was in good condition, with NO RUST, and all systems (except the engine) in working condition. This is a very rare machine, especially considering that it fought both on the Russian and the German Sides. Plans are underway to fully restore the tank. It will be displayed at a war history museum in the Gorodenko village on the left bank of the River Narv.



NC-162 Has Five Billy Mitchell Recipients in Eight Weeks

Five cadets from the Iredell Composite Squadron have recently earned their Billy Mitchell Awards, and have been promoted to the rank of second lieutenant. On March 1st, Cadet Montanna Shores was the first to be promoted in our recent string of new officers. On April 5th, Cadets Joshua Ammons, Patrick Moser, and Andrew Austin were also pinned as second lieutenants. Chief master sergeant Felix Reyes has completed all requirements for his Billy Mitchell Award and his promotion ceremony is scheduled for May 3rd.

Cadet second lieutenant Montanna Shores, a ninth grade student, has rocketed through the ranks with lightning speed. She joined the squadron in August 2010. She has made each achievement in the minimum time allowed. She currently holds the squadron position of flight commander and is the cadet DDRX officer. She will be attending the National Glider Academy in Rome, Georgia, and The Space Command Familiarization Course at Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado this summer. She will also be the flight commander for the Aerospace Flight at summer encampment. She was awarded the Veterans of Foreign Wars, "NCO Cadet of the Year" for 2011. She is currently pursuing her student pilot certificate and has logged many hours in the Cessna 172 & 182. She would like to attend the Naval or Air Force Academy and pursue a career in military aviation.

Cadet second lieutenant Joshua Ammons, an eleventh grade home schooled student, and a student at Mitchell Community College, has also progressed through the ranks very rapidly. He joined the squadron in September of 2010. Cadet Ammons currently holds the position of cadet leadership officer. He was the squadron "NCO Cadet of the Year," in 2011. Cadet Ammons will be attending the National Flight Academy in Fort Pickett, Virginia this summer. Cadet Ammons would like to join the Army and become a helicopter pilot.

Cadet second lieutenant Andrew Austin is an eleventh grade student who joined the squadron in September 2008. Cadet Austin is currently the cadet supply officer. He will be attending the Energy United Electric Cooperative Tour, which will tour the Washington DC area this summer. He was one of two students chosen from nineteen counties for this prestigious leadership award. Cadet Austin plans to pursue a degree in Mechanical Engineering at North Carolina State University upon graduation.

Cadet second lieutenant Patrick Moser is an eleventh grade student who joined the squadron in September 2009. Cadet Moser is currently the cadet safety officer. He is active in Navy JROTC and currently holds the rank of ensign. Cadet Moser would like to pursue a degree in marine science at the United States Coast Guard Academy.

Cadet chief master sergeant Felix Reyes is a tenth grade student who joined the squadron in May 2008. He is currently the cadet communications NCO officer. Cadet Reyes is also the captain of our newly formed Cyber Patriot Team. He was awarded the squadron "Airman of the Year" award for 2011. He is active with the Navy JROTC and holds the rank of petty officer, second class. Cadet Reyes will be attending The Space Command Familiarization Course at Patrick Air Force Base, Florida this summer. Cadet Reyes would like to attend either the Air Force or Naval Academy and pursue a career in cyber warfare.

The Iredell Composite Squadron is extremely proud of the hard work and dedication these cadets have put forth. Our cadet officers have been outstanding role models for our new cadets in our squadron.

Story by Kristin Osborne, 2d Lt., MER-NC-162 Public Affairs



Left to Right Cadets Patrick Moser, Montanna Shores, Joshua Ammons, Andrew Austin. Photo by Lt Kimberly Ammons



Cadet Chief Master Sergeant Felix Reyes receiving his Billy Mitchell Award. Photo by 2nd Lt. Kristin Osborne.

Lt. Col. Al Johnson Begins His Retirement

To The Members of North Carolina Wing Civil Air Patrol:

I am guessing that most of you have heard that due to cut backs in the Air Force civilian workforce many of the State Director positions are being eliminated. The North Carolina State Director position happens to be one of those being eliminated and as a result I will be retiring next Monday, 30 April 2012.

I became the Liaison Officer for North Carolina Wing CAP back in August of 1992 and I have never regretted taking the assignment. It has been a great nineteen years and nine months working with, and for, the hard working members of this wing. I have made lifetime friends among you and for that I will be forever thankful.

I sincerely admire your dedication to carrying out the missions of Civil Air Patrol and it has always amazed me at the personal time and resources that you so willingly give to keep this great organization going. Keep up the great work in the future. In the time I have been here we have gone through some really good times and some really tough times together. The great thing is that you pressed on through the tough times and came back strong and determined to make NC Wing CAP a great wing. NC Wing CAP has the people and the resources to continue to be one of the top wings in the nation and I know you will strive to do your very best for the organization.

For the cadets that may be reading this I want to encourage you to take advantage of the opportunities that CAP offers you. You can gain experiences through your participation in CAP that no other youth organization can match and if you take full advantage of this opportunity it will pay great dividends for you as you go through life. If you ever have any doubts about the benefits of the cadet program just seek out some senior members in the wing that came up through the cadet program and ask them about their experiences in CAP and whether or not it made a lasting impact on their lives. If you do this you will get lots of positive feedback for staying with the cadet program and taking full advantage of the opportunities it offers you.

It will be a big transition for me to end an over forty year association with the U.S. Air Force (and 23 years working with CAP) but I am also looking forward to being able to pursue some interests that I just didn't have the time to do while working at a full time job.

Thank you for making this such an enjoyable and rewarding assignment.

Sincerely,

Allen M. Johnson
State Director
CAP-USAF Liaison Office, NC



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MER-NC-082 Winston-Salem Composite Squadron Together Again

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With the availability of space across the street in the USAIR building the squadron made the move there in 2007. We settled in with the cadets in their meeting area and the seniors in theirs, all in the same building. We had a common assembly area and bathrooms, and the cadets had a paved area outside to train in. Our office space was defined and separated by cubicles plus we had a room to store equipment and uniforms.

Things were going well, but changes were coming because USAIR sold the building in 2008 to new owners. They initially indicated that we would be welcome to stay where we were. However the FAA stepped in and said that the building would have to be a closed facility because of the type work they did. Hit the road Jack was the outcome for our squadron.

We were able to get the basement of the airport terminal for the cadets to meet in. For the seniors it was a different story. They had no place to meet. For several weeks they met outside the terminal building on the sidewalk or standing inside at the old USAIR ticket counter area. Needless to say senior attendance dropped off big time. The Winston-Salem Rescue Squad came to the seniors rescue when they allowed them to use the meeting room in their building until a permanent place could be found. The seniors of the squadron were very grateful for the generous hospitality shown to the Civil Air Patrol by the Winston-Salem Rescue Squad. While the attendance did improve some, it still wasn't home.

About two years ago North State Aviation moved to Winston-Salem on the airport property at 4001 North Liberty Street. They very kindly offered the seniors a great meeting area that they were not using. It was made up of a large meeting room, a smaller meeting room, six smaller office type rooms, a small kitchenette and access to restrooms. This was the start of our growth of the senior part of the squadron while the cadets continued to meet at the Smith Reynolds airport terminal building. They also were growing and the basement area became too small and they began to meet upstairs in the former airline boarding area. This went well until about three months ago when the airport authority began to let other groups use this area to meet in frequently.

Since the senior group uses the smaller meeting area it only seemed a good move for the cadets to move there and use the larger meeting room. The seniors use several of the office type rooms and the cadets also use several of these rooms. It has turned out to be just what our squadron needed. That was to be united again meeting at the same place.

On occasion both groups meet together in the large meeting room for combined meetings. There is plenty of parking space as well as paved and lighted areas for the cadets to do PT and other outdoor functions. All in all it has made us what we are supposed to be and that is a Composite Squadron meeting together as one. Our squadron has grown by 20% with growth in both areas. We wish to thank North State Aviation for their kindness in providing the place for this reuniting to take place.



Cadet Meeting Room



Senior Meeting Room

7.2 Hours of Airtime and 15 Members Finds Elusive ELT

NC Wing was alerted for an ELT at 0704L on 23 April. Multiple airborne reports "near Charlotte" had been reported to Atlanta Center. Lt Dennis Bissell took the mission as IC3/Trainee, supervised by Lt Col Crawford. After consulting with the AFRCC and getting additional information, the search area was refined to an area north of Rutherfordton. An aircraft was launched from Asheville led by Lt Col Wally Courtney along with Capt Rheta Perkins and Lt Col Bill Fleming worked the search through most of the day in the area east of Asheville and south and west of Hickory. They were able to pick up the signal at 5000' and above but were not able to get a solid lock on a direction. A ground team led by Capt Michael Gallandt was also dispatched to assist. Due to winds and turbulence a decision was made to stand down on the 23rd and regroup with the AFRCC.

AFRCC requested additional airborne reports from Atlanta Center and received several that indicated that the signal was coming from an area significantly farther east than originally reported. Lt Col Courtney along with Capt Ralph Weber and Maj Jim Styles launched from AVL on the morning of the 24th and proceeded east toward an area east and south of Hickory. Comm relay was provided by Maj Chris Linker. The aircraft was able to subsequently DF the signal to Statesville, locating it in a Cessna Citation. Mission was closed out on 24 April. A total of 7.2 hours were flown, with 15 members participating in the safe execution of this mission.

Thanks to the Asheville Squadron for leading the way on this and the efforts of members of the Charlotte Senior Squadron and Burlington Composite Squadron.

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A Tuesday of Cancellations

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I had it all planned: Last weekend my son and I built a rocket, ready to shoot it to the moon, well, at least 900 feet! This coming weekend we were going to play soccer in the morning and then rush to AE day in Franklin County, for the occasion, Cape Canaveral.

The weekend after I enrolled for the advanced observer training at the MER-SAR at Fort Pickett, in Virginia. Two exciting weekends in front of me, enjoying what I love the most: aviation.

Then Tuesday came and my email inbox started to receive nasty messages:

MER-SAR Canceled

Group 2 AE day Canceled

What a blow! What a disappointment. I could not believe that two fantastic weekends have been canceled in few emails time.

So I started thinking and wondering.

In business when some programs are canceled, it is practiced to look for the reason of the failure in one or more of the following factors:

- a) money
- b) leadership
- c) program content
- d) people motivation

Let's analyze them and make few considerations

- a) Money. I do not think it was a factor here as funding for the activities were available. Members cost for participating were reasonable for MER-SAR, almost null for AE day. It is true that driving and lodging at Fort Pickett was on our dime, but eh, we are volunteers. So I would discount this factor
- b) Leadership. I think that we have a very dedicated, passionate and good leadership that spend time and energy to make this CAP program better. Leadership is constantly monitoring and pushing participation to events, and with a steady effort keeps filling our calendar with opportunities. Again I would discount this factor.
- c) Program content. There is so much variety of content offered (by our leadership) that everybody can get his "favorite ice-cream"! From flying to emergency services, from FEMA training to Aerospace Education: every week there is something going on. How exciting this is. No, that might not be it.
- d) People motivation. It is true that two events were canceled because lack of participation. Can we rephrase it as lack of interest? I think that training and being prepared is paramount so any chance given to practice should be considered and pursued. CAP strives for excellence, and only practice makes perfect. Considering also that last week NCWG-GTE was crippled and rearranged (at least for our squadron) for weather reasons, we need to take all chances we have to train. Training in what we love the most: aviation .. stuff. And why not mix some fun to it, such as the AE day, shooting rockets and pretending you are an astronaut? Maybe our busy life is so busy that we cannot dedicated too much time to CAP?

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Maybe there are too many events and members are overloaded?

I certainly prefer to have a lot of opportunities than having fewer events. And there are so many and different training opportunities and events that I cannot believe that it is not possible to find something interesting. This forth factor really puzzles me.

So at the end I have no answers to the cancellations of the past Tuesday. But mainly I have no proposal to avoid that it will not happen in the future again, other than keep training, participating and helping out.

Maybe some members have a different opinions and want to share it?

The IT Corner

Facebook and TMI

So you are on facebook the entire day, showing pictures of your last trip and checking on your best friend's recent spring break. Do not you love Facebook?

Sure, but be careful of the information you put out there. Identity thieves are always on the lookout for ...too much information (TMI)

Let's see three areas that you should never disclose:

- 1) Date of Birth. Do not you love when your friend from Germany is sending you a birthday e-card?
- 2) City of Birth. Sure you like it when people remember you were born in sunny California.
- 3) Your mother's maiden name. How nice is to have your mom on FB and share with her your day.

1 + 2 + 3 sounds so nice and exciting but those 3 bits of information are exactly what an identify thief is looking for. Think about it: when you call the bank, for instance, typically they ask you few security questions "for verification purposes" and the most likely questions are: date of birth, city of birth and ...your mom's maiden name. And those 3 bits of information, along with your name, make it. Bingo!!!

Too much information out there, in public, can be very dangerous.

Be careful, use a fake date of birth: your friends, the real ones, will remember when you your birthday is, anyway.

Also there is no need to tell everybody where you are from: if your accent is not giving it away, make up a fictitious city (unleash your fantasy!)

Make up a fictitious maiden name for your mom and keep your genealogy private.

Remember: what is out there, it is out there for everybody!

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MER-INFO: MER Cadet Competition Results

Middle East Region held its annual Cadet Competition this past weekend at Fort Pickett, Virginia. I would like to thank all the participants and the staff. Everyone cooperated and the competition ran smoothly. We were blessed with great weather (for the competition, not for going home!). Col Larry Ragland presented the trophies to the winners.

Before I tell how everyone fared, I want to say that there was a scoring mistake in the drill team competition. It did not affect the overall outcome but it changed the mile run winner in the drill team portion and who won the fleet foot for females. A female cadet from Delaware Wing was inadvertently listed as a male cadet. My apologies to everyone for that oversight.

I will announce first place for each event and then the final rankings.

COLOR GUARD COMPETITION

In-Ranks Inspection North Carolina Wing
Standard Drill Delaware Wing
Indoor Presentation North Carolina Wing
Outdoor Presentation South Carolina Wing
Written Exam National Capital Wing High Score: Ashley Petroulis
of Delaware Wing with a score of 72
Mile Run Maryland Wing Fleet Foot Male: Brett O'Brien, Maryland
Wing (6:05) Female: Monique Stewart, North Carolina (7:38)
Panel Quiz National Capital Wing

Overall Standings:

7th: Virginia Wing
6th: West Virginia Wing
5th: Delaware Wing
4th: South Carolina Wing
3rd: North Carolina Wing
2nd: Maryland Wing
1st: National Capital Wing

The Color Guard Competition was very close!! You notice that 5 different wings took home a first place trophy! At the end of the competition, National Capital Wing and Maryland Wing were tied at 20 points for first place. Competition rules dictate that the first tiebreaker is the winner of the Written Exam so National Capital Wing won. But it was very close !!

DRILL TEAM COMPETITION

In-Ranks Inspection Delaware Wing
Standard Drill Delaware Wing
Innovative Drill Delaware Wing
Written Exam Delaware Wing High Score Joshua Ein (78)
Mile Run Delaware Wing Fleet Foot Male Jake Wible, Delaware
Wing (5:49) Female Klayton Visser (7:51)
Volleyball Maryland Wing
Panel Quiz Delaware Wing

2nd: Maryland Wing
1st: Delaware Wing

We were happy to see all the wings provided a color guard for the competition and hope to see more drill teams next year. We will announce the dates for next year as soon as they are set.

Congratulations to the winners! We wish both teams the best of luck at the National Cadet Competition in June at Dayton Ohio!!

Again, my thanks to all the participants, their escorts and supporters.

It takes a lot to get a team prepared for this level of competition.

And special thanks to the staff. We had Middle East Region staff, several members from the various wings and CAP-USA support. From judging events, tracking the miles runs, reading panel quiz questions to preparing meals, the entire staff pitched in wherever they were needed. Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!

Phyllis A Griffin, Lt Col, CAP
MER Chief of Staff

MER Commander Adds His Congratulations

Let me add my congratulations to all those who participated in the MER Cadet Competition at Ft Pickett this past weekend. I was very impressed with the quality and exceptional spirit shown at this competition. The cadets and their escorts showed off the very best of MER, and it was great to see our cadets in such fine form. I am confident those teams going on to represent MER will do well and I look forward to their continued success. All of the teams did an outstanding job representing their Wings in this tough competition.

Way to go MER!

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